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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Dear Jack:

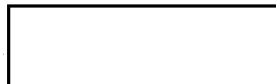
This is a belated thank you for your telephone call on the occasion of my new appointment. My response is a tardy one; I thought it best to await the completion of the confirmation and swearing-in processes in order to be "legal" before writing.

I think the future will be a good and constructive one and I will do the very best I can in this job to make it so. I have no doubt that we will be encountering a good many difficult problems as we have in the past, but I think the opportunities will at least equal the number of difficulties.

Let's keep in touch. I have always prized our friendship and association and I can profit from your views and counsel as we move into the future.

All the best to you and your fine family.

Faithfully yours,



E. H. Knoche

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